
(February 2020) The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) recently announced that it will review the Office of the Director of National Intelligence’s (ODNI’s) information security program and practices required by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA) (AUD-2020-002).

FISMA’s purpose is to ensure the effectiveness of information security controls over information resources that support federal operations and assets. FISMA requires federal agencies to establish agency-wide, risk-based security programs for the information systems that support their agencies and prescribes an annual process of self-assessment and independent evaluation of an agency’s information security program and practices. The ODNI Chief Information Officer conducts the annual self-assessment required by FISMA. The ICIG performs the annual independent evaluation using metrics developed by the Office of Management and Budget, Department of Homeland Security, and the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency in consultation with the Federal Chief Information Officer Council.

As part of the FISMA evaluation and as a joint project with five other Intelligence Community Offices of Inspectors General (OIGs), the ICIG will assess ODNI’s continuous monitoring program. The objective of the OIGs’ assessment is to identify the reasons why the six Intelligence Community elements remain at a low maturity level for implementing continuous monitoring. A capstone report on the OIGs’ assessment of continuous monitoring will be issued separately from the ODNI FISMA report.

The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 established the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The ICIG’s mission is to provide independent and objective oversight of the programs and activities within the responsibility and authority of the Director of National Intelligence, to initiate and conduct independent audits, inspections, investigations, and reviews, and to lead and coordinate the efforts of the Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum. The ICIG’s goal is to have a positive and enduring impact throughout the Intelligence Community, to lead and coordinate the efforts of an integrated Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum, and to enhance the ability of the United States Intelligence Community to meet national security needs while respecting our nation’s laws and reflecting its values. The Forum consists of the twelve statutory and administrative Inspectors General having oversight responsibility for an element of the Intelligence Community. The Chair of the Forum is the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.

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